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Foreign Minister Muniz told DCM and me this afternoon he had withheld replying to my note indicating US Navy would appreciate participation of Argentine Naval patrol aircraft in Cuban quarantine, because of President Kennedy's announcement that quarantine had been lifted. Minister wanted to know if under present circumstances we still desired Argentine Naval patrol planes.

Having yesterday been shown message from CNO Anderson to Argentine CNO which again repeated US Navy's interest in Argentine Naval air participation (we have asked ALUSNA not to deliver message pending Argentine acceptance through diplomatic channels) I replied that I had impression US Navy still desired Argentine participation.

ALUSNA's message from CNO indicated State Department concurrence in idea of Argentine Naval patrol aircraft participating joint operations. Would appreciate instructions if this is still Department's view in light lifting of quarantine.

Muniz said he would consider his reply, as it might now seem odd if Argentine Naval planes flew to Cuba area just after quarantine had been lifted.

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